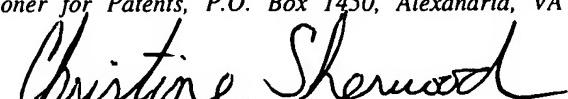




PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant : Wilfried Matthis, et al. Confirmation No. 2568  
Application No. : 10/726,177  
Filed : December 1, 2003  
Title : ELEMENT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT  
CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD  
  
Grp./Div. : 3733  
Examiner : Annette R. Reimers  
  
Docket No. : 56524/B884

Commissioner for Patents  
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March 20, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated October 19, 2005 for two month(s) from January 19, 2006 to March 19, 2006 (weekend).

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$450
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 450 to cover the cost of the extension.

**Petition for Extension of Time**  
**Application No. 10/726,177**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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